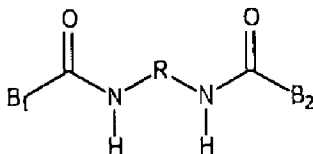


AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Process for preparing a high-molecular weight polymer product consisting of a polyamide, copolyamide or polyester-amide block copolymer comprising the steps of melt-mixing a low-molecular weight feed polymer consisting of a polyamide or a mixture of a polyamide and a polyester having a lower molecular weight as compared to the high-molecular weight polymer product, ~~than the polymer obtained with the process of the invention,~~ with a diisocyanate, and reacting the low-molecular weight feed polymer consisting of ~~wherein~~ the polyamide or mixture of the polyamide and polyester [[react]] with the diisocyanate during the melt mixing to obtain the high-molecular weight polymer product, [[and]] wherein the diisocyanate is a blocked diisocyanate having the following formula



wherein R = linear, branched or cycloaliphatic C₂-C₂₀ or aromatic C₆-C₂₀ and B₁, B₂ = caprolactam, imidazole, dimethyl-pyrazole, triazole, oxim, malonic acid ester, ethylacetylacetonate, phenol, cresol, aliphatic alcohol, secondary amine, or hydroxyl benzoic acid methyl ester, and wherein the polyamide or a mixture of polyamide and polyester of the low-molecular

weight feed polymer ~~having a lower molecular weight~~ comprises amino end groups.

2. (Previously Presented) Process according to Claim 1, wherein the blocked diisocyanate is present in an amount of 0.005 to 4 wt.% relative to the polyamide or the mixture of polyamide and polyester having a lower molecular weight.
3. (Previously Presented) Process of claim 1, wherein the melt mixing is done in an extruder.
4. (Original) Process of claim 3 wherein the extruder is a twin-screw extruder.
5. (Currently Amended) Process of claim 1, wherein the step of reacting the low-molecular weight feed polymer consisting of the polyamide or the mixture of polyamide and polyester with the diisocyanate achieves ~~having a low molecular weight achieve~~ a permanent increase in molecular weight of the low-molecular weight feed polymer within a reaction time of 2 minutes ~~reaction time with the diisocyanate~~.
6. (Currently Amended) Process of claim 1, wherein the high-molecular weight polyamide, ~~polyester, copolyester, copolyamide or polyester-amide block copolymer that is obtained~~ is a linear polymer.